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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed March 12, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5, 14 and 16, as follows:

*Sub B1  
A1*

(Amended) 1. A method for managing a cache of entries containing availability information for a seat on an airline, comprises:  
determining, based on a criterion for availability information whether a stored, answer in the cache is stale and, if the retrieved stored answer is stale,  
sending an availability query to an source of availability information for an airline based on determining that the answer was stale.

*Sub B1  
A2*

(Amended) 3. The method of claim 1 wherein determining if the stored answer is stale comprises:  
scheduling a list where a list of keys of entries to update or add, and for each entry on the list in the order given,  
submitting a query to the availability source; and

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